

MONROE COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Council Office Conference Room, Bloomington, IN
January 18, 2019 / 8:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: Vauhxx Booker, Deborah Myerson, Eric Spoonmore, Lisa Abbott, , Sarah Cahillane, William Smith, Chris Cockerham, Cathi Crabtree, Doris Sims,

Members Absent: Rev. Forrest Gilmore, William Hosea, Amanda Barge, Arielle Hacker

Others Present: Isabel Piedmont-Smith (City Council), Jonathan White (County Planning Intern), Diana Opata (SIHO Americorp), Jason Eakin (County Planning), Tom Westguard (Public)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m.

Review of the Meeting Notes

Correction to the meeting location. Motion to approve the meeting notes as amended. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Subcommittees –

1. Short-term (renters rights) – Sarah, Deb, Vaux, SPEA fellow Jonathan White

Talked about zoning for the CDO and about opportunities to extend rental codes into the county. Action items include: 1. What kind of structure rental inspections in the county; 2. Limitations by the state and what could we do about it; 3. Eviction and predatory issues/models and what is possible locally; 4. Laws about housing felons and denial of housing – link.

How could we lobby the state to modify the rental code? County commissioners could come up with resolution to send to the state house.

2. Mid-term (Inclusive Code Committee) – Cathy, Eric, Forrest, Lisa, Deborah, Chris

The committee decided to review the County's Comprehensive Plan from 2012 to help the group be proactive with the CDO. The group wants to understand the goals of the zoning maps, what they were trying to achieve by reducing the zones, and what the various titles/classifications mean. The committee further discussed the AIFA area and

infrastructure needs/improvements. The committee decided to rebrand their committee name to Inclusive Code Committee (ICC).

3. Long-term (incentivizing growth) – Forrest, Lisa, Will Smith, Chris, Amanda, Arielle, William Hosea, Sarah, Doris

Committee is scheduling a meeting.

Tax Sale Book – Table to next month.

New Business

- Amanda asked that the committee about the inspection process regarding smoke detectors. Doris reviewed the process. The discussion considered the easiest thing to do is create a registry and to discussion about why this is necessary and how it benefits the property owners. NFPA has smoke detector check dates. One suggestion is to work with the Restore to help sell smoke detectors in a program such as they do with the lightbulbs with Duke. Check code recommendations for where to place smoke detectors. Create a tenant bill of rights.
- Jonathan White (County Planning Intern) presented his best practice ordinances. See handout.
- Review calendar – 3rd Friday of the month. The meetings will be 60 minutes unless there is advanced notice for additional time. April 19th is a holiday. Do we want to find another meeting date or location? The meeting was moved to April 12th. Discussion about meeting procedures. Please send your meeting notes out at least a week in advance.
- Review County practices regarding building inspections – tabled to next month.
- Review current ordinance regarding rental inspections – tabled to next month.

Motion to adjourn.

Action Items

Next meeting:

February 15, 2019 at 8 a.m. in the County Council meeting room